by the Directorate of Exemption, Mumbai or has been filed before the Assessing Officer.

(e) Does not arise.

Exemption of imported vegetable oil from Sri Lanka

†3990. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether vegetable oil imported from Sri Lanka is exempted from duty under the Indo-Sri Lanka Free Trade Agreement;

(b) whether it is adversely affecting the vegetable oil produced by Indian Vegetable Oil Industry and on the revenue of the Central Government; and

(c) if so, steps proposed to be taken to rectify it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) Hydrogenated vegetable oils commonly known as vanaspati imported from Sri Lanka attracts nil customs duty as per commitments under Indo-Sri Lanka Free Trade Agreement, however, it is subjected to 4% additional duty of customs.

(b) and (c) Hydrogenated vegetable oil industry has been complaining about the adverse effects of duty free import from Sri Lanka. Imports at zero customs duty will have an effect on revenue, but such imports are governed by Indo-Sri Lanka Free Trade Agreement. This exemption is, however, subject to fulfillment of domestic value addition of 35% and change of tariff heading at 4-digit level.

Central fund for welfare of disabled people

3991. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Supreme Court created a central fund for the welfare of disabled people under the chairmanship of Comptroller and Auditor General, wherein over Rs. 723 crores would be deposited annually from the money illegally accumulated by Banks by rounding off interest rates payable by borrowers;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.